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Interconnect Structures  
Filed: July 28, 2003  
Serial No.: 10/628,925  
Examiner: Nitin Parekh  
Art Unit: 2811  
Docket No.: YOR920030173US1  
Customer No.: 22032  
Confirmation No.: 7501

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**TRANSMITTAL FORM**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 17, 2004 in the above-identified application.

Request for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to extend the time for filing this response until \_\_\_\_\_. The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	50	Minus	50	0	x \$18.00	\$
Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	0	x \$84.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$280.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00		

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes, and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0; a check for \$        is included.

       sheets of amended drawings are enclosed;

XXX The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of        and any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 50-0510**.

A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

October 15, 2004

Date

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 17, 2004,  
applicants elect as follows:

Applicants hereby elect for further prosecution the claims of Group I (1-31)  
drawn to an electrical interconnect structure, classified in class 257, subclass  
760.

This election is made with traverse.

Applicants respectfully submit that a search relating to an electrical interconnect structure will necessarily produce art relating to a method of preparing the electrical interconnect structure.

Thus, the Restriction Requirement should be withdrawn and both Group I and Group II should be examined because examination of the claims of Group I and Group II, i.e., electrical interconnect structure and method of preparing the electrical interconnect structure, would not be burdensome.

Applicants respectfully request examination of this application and allowance of the pending claims.

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